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In re Application of )  
GREFENSTEIN et al. )  
Serial No. 08/987,775 )  
Filed: December 9, 1997 )  
For: LAMINATED SHEETS OR FILMS AND MOLDINGS THEREOF )

Art Unit: 1773

Examiner: Kreuer

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment of January 12, 2004, applicants request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment.

The Notice acknowledges that a "reply was received on June 26, 2003," but asserts that said reply "does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113(a) to the final rejection." The Notice further states, however, that "[a] proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists...of...a timely filed Request for Continued Examination in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114." That is exactly what applicants filed on June 26, 2003. Accordingly, the holding of abandonment is in error and should be withdrawn.

Applicants enclose copies of the RCE and Petition for Suspension filed on June

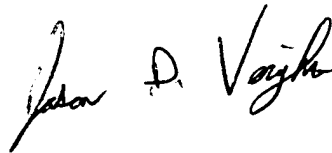
26, 2003, a postcard receipt for a response filed on September 26, 2003, and a response filed October 14, 2003 (with postcard receipt) in the event that the Patent Office may have lost said papers.

This type of petition does not require a fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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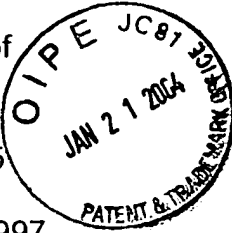
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF IMPROPER RCE

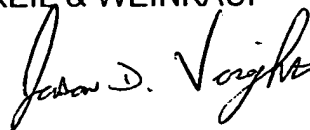
In response to the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination (RCE)  
of October 9, 2003, applicants urge that the Notice is erroneous and request withdrawal  
of any holding of abandonment.

The Notice asserts that the RCE under 37 CFR 1.114 filed on June 27, 2003 is  
improper because it was not accompanied by a submission. However, the RCE  
included a proper request for suspension of action for a period of three months (copy  
enclosed) and a submission (copy enclosed) was filed within that period.

Applicants respectfully request early action on this response. No fee should be due.

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PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.103(c)

Sir:

On behalf of applicants, the undersigned hereby petitions for suspension of action in the above-identified application for a period of three (3) months to provide time for applicants to prepare arguments and to conduct experiments to further prosecute the application.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Extension of Time fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0345. Please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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GREFENSTEIN et al.

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RESPONSE  
DECLARATION UNDER 1.132



October 14, 2003

GREFENSTEIN et al.  
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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	08/987,775
Filing Date	12/9/97
First Named Inventor	GREFENSTEIN et al.
Art Unit	1773
Examiner Name	Kruer
Attorney Docket Number	47587/48070

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other Petition to Suspend Action

## 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☒ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0345

i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☒ Other ANY DEFICIENCY IN FEES

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 1,810.00 enclosed to cover RCE/3 mo. ext/Petition fees.

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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